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For further information, please visit our web site → <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dcs>

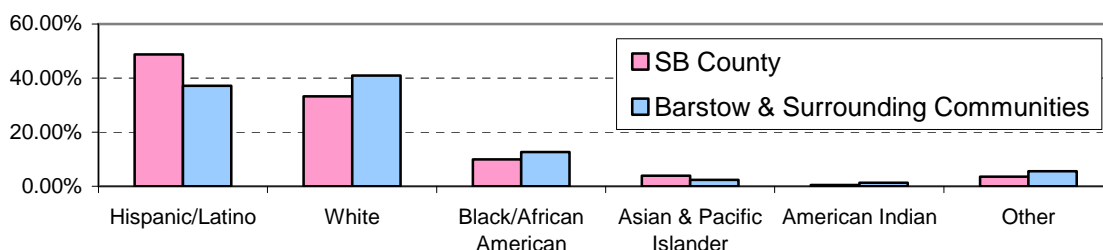
San Bernardino County Total Area\*: 20,105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)  
(Land Area: 20,052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



San Bernardino County  
Brief Overview &  
Population Comparison  
with Barstow and  
Surrounding Communities

	San Bernardino County		Barstow & Surrounding Communities	
Total Population	1,709,434		64,963	
Under 18 Years	552,047		13,877	
Ethnicity				
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	5,159	37.18%
White	183,512	33.20%	5,677	40.91%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	1,751	12.62%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	330	2.38%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	186	1.34%
Other	19,765	3.60%	774	5.58%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)



## Referral Information for Barstow & Surrounding Communities (2006)

### Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
Barstow & Surrounding Communities	116.45 per 1,000 Children	6.27 per 1,000 Children
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 11.6% (116.45 :1,000) children less than 18 year old in Barstow and surrounding communities had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.62% (6.27 :1,000) children were removed from their family in Barstow & surrounding communities.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, Barstow and surrounding communities have higher referral rate and foster care entry rates.

## Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

### How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 1,528)	Number of Children (Total = 1,935)
Of all referrals received, 72.58% resulted in a CPS investigation:	1,109	1,616
Of all referrals received, 21.34% were found to be true:	326	535
Of all referrals received, 10.08% resulted in an open case:	154	324
Of all referrals received, 3.27% resulted in a child removal:	50	87

### What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 2,325 child abuse reports in 2006 for 1,616 children.

The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. \*One child can have more than one allegation.

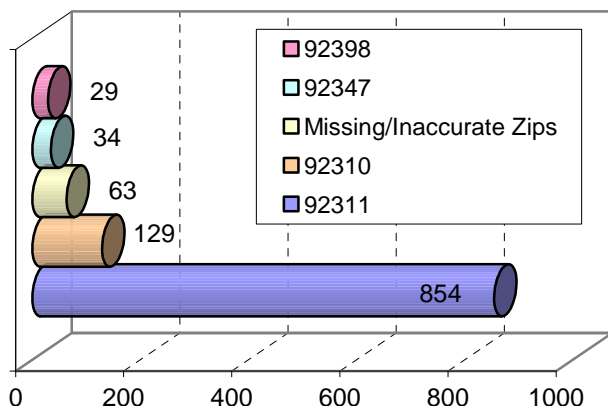
Types of Allegations	#	%
General Neglect	1029	44.26%
Physical Abuse	339	14.58%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	335	14.41%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	208	8.95%
Emotional Abuse	103	4.43%
Not Determined Apr 2007	99	4.26%
Severe Neglect	97	4.17%
Sexual Abuse	96	4.13%
Substantial Risk	18	0.77%
Exploitation	1	0.04%
Total Children	2,325	



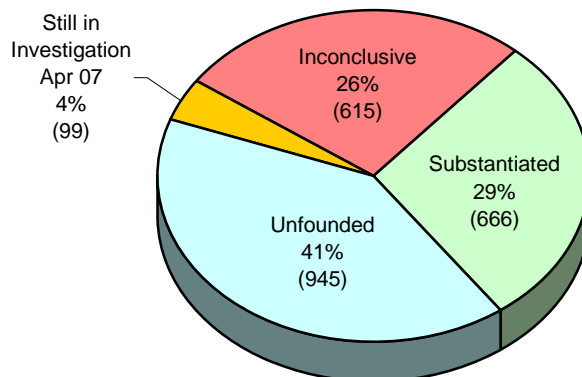
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### 2 Allegations investigated in your city in 2006? 1,109 families were involved in investigations.



### How the investigations were concluded? 2,325 allegations were investigated.

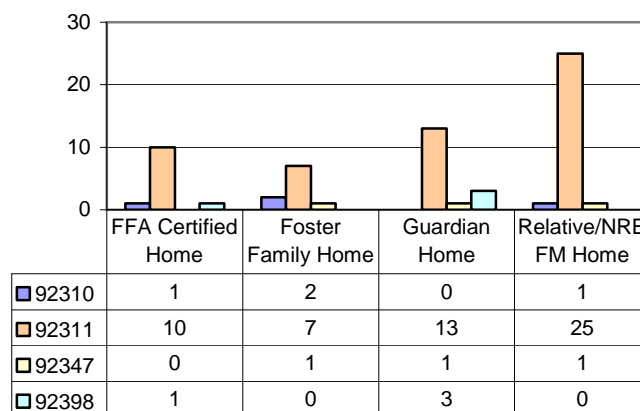


### 4 Where were children placed after they were removed in 2006?

87 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences. The following table indicates; the types of placement homes where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

Predominate Placement	Children
FFA Certified Home	49
Relative/NREFM Home	27
Foster Family Home	8
Group Home	2
Small Family Home	1
Total	87

### How many placement resources were in Barstow and surrounding communities?



### 2 4 Is there disproportionality in the referral rate and child removal rate in child welfare?

Disproportionality exists in child welfare when any ethnic group has a higher rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total population. In Barstow & the surrounding communities, Black/African American children have higher rates of investigated referrals and removals compared to other ethnicities and the total population.

	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with an Investigated Referral	Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Children Removed in 2006	Removal Rate per 1,000
White	5,677	602	106.04	36	6.34
Hispanic or Latino	5,159	435	84.32	24	4.65
Black or African American	1,751	453	258.71	23	13.14
Asian and Pacific Islander	330	8	24.24	4	12.12
American Indian	186	21	112.9		
Other	774	0			
Unknown		97			
Total	13,877	1,616	116.45	87	6.27

### Foster Care Removal and Placement Outcomes for Children in Barstow & Surrounding Communities (2006)

Of the 87 children removed from their families in 2006:

- 34 children have been reunified to date, 1 child's case closed to another agency and 52 children are still in care.
- Of the 55 children who are currently in care (52 remained in care and 3 children re-entered care):
  - 36 children were placed with non-relatives:
    - 10 children in Barstow or surrounding communities and 26 children in foster care placements in other cities.
  - 19 children were placed with relatives.
    - 9 children were placed with relatives in Barstow or surrounding communities and 10 children were placed with relatives in other cities.